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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BONGO'S DESIRE FOR PURCHASING DC-8

REF: STATE 139604

1. PRESIDENT BONGO CALLED ME THIS MORNING (JUNE 29) ON DAY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM PARIS TO ASK ABOUT DC-8. I TOLD HIM THAT STATE STILL STUDYING APPLICATION. WE DISCUSSED THIS AND OTHER ISSUES AT SOME LENGTH WITHOUT, HOWEVER, SURFACING ANY NEW ELEMENTS. BONGO STRESSED IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO OBTAINING DC-8 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MENTIONED MISSION OF PIGOT, AND RICHON, AND DISCUSSED RECENT OAU SUMMIT. HE SPOKE TO ME AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISITS TO MIDDLE EAST, BRUSSELS AND MOSCOW, PRAISING THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS TRIUMPHAL SUCCESSES AND PERSONAL COURAGE.

2. AT HIS AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN YESTERDAY, BONGO MENTIONED THAT FEAR OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES THAT THEY WOULD BE CRITICIZED AT OAU SUMMIT PROVED GROUNDLESS. THIS ALLUSION, PRESUMABLY CRYPTIC FOR MOST LISTENERS, WAS CLEARLY DIRECTED AT US.

3. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON REFTEL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL.  
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